CIVILLY DEAD, THIS MAN IS WORTH \$250,000, BUT CANNOT SPEND IT

Has Many Privileges. He is able to obtain certain privileges in the asylum, because he is unlegges in the asylum, because he is un-questionably more rational than most of those confined with him, but he could not spend his income even if he could get it, and when a reporter for the New York Herald interviewed him he complained bitterly because his in-terest on certain bonds had not been sent to him in prison since he was transferred to a prison for the crim-

Some few advantages he is able to some few advantages he is able to obtain by his money, but not his liberty. When he was first charged with murder his mother speet thousands in trying to clear him. She retained the late William F. Howe of the firm of Howe & Hummel to defend him. The dead when it comes to getting the trying as the possible plea was insanity, as the only possible plea was insanity, as the crime had been brutal and premedi-

tated.
Had the defense been established to the satisfaction of the jury Stephani would have escaped. Mr. Howe succeeded to the point of raising a doubt in the minds of two jurors, and the verdict was for murder in the second degree, involving necessarily a sentence to life imprisonment, where the higher degree would have sent the prisoner to the gallows.

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Mrs. Stephani, the mother, hoped up to the close of her life, about a year ago, that she would be able to obtain executive elemency for her son. She did not succeed in inducing a governor to free him, but she did in all her powers to make his imprisonment comforts. to ree nim, but she did in all her power to make his imprisonment comfortable. She visited him in Sing Sing and communicated with him frequently. He had shown a great aptitude for business matters before his crime, and he was able to assist her in advising investments, particularly of a speculainvestments, particularly of a specula-tive nature. He kept track of the stock exchange transactions and his judgment proved excellent.

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Mother Made Fortune.

Following his advice Mrs. Stephani made money for herself and for him, and when she died he was supposed to be worth at least \$250,000, possibly much more. He was transferred to the asylum at Dennemora, where he was certain to be more comfortable, as there is no necessity for hard labor, and he is now in a position to dispose of his time more or less as he sees fit, with the usual prison confinement and lack of luxuries.

To a reporter who went to Dannemora to see him Stephani gave a remarkable interview, discussing affairs of the day, prospects of the stock market and his personal ambitions. What he most desires, of course, is to get away from the asylum. He would like to go to the south of Europe and to enjoy his money. He talks fluently and intelligently, and shows no outward indications of insanity.

it than if he were actually in a tomb. He may give directions, but he cannot enforce them. No matter how great his fortune might be, he would still have to wear his felon's stripes, eat the prison bill of fare and attend to any menial labor that might be assigned to him. He is in a place where money can buy no luxuries, as no distinction can be made in a state prison.

"Does it not sound strange to say

"CIVIL DEATH." "I know of no more peculiar entanglement that exists in the law with reference to men who are found gullty of murder in the second degree and sent to state prison for life," said A. H. Hummel yesterday. "They are civilly dead, though actually alive, and the question that presents itself is: How much are they dead in law and how much alive?
"It seems almost superfluous to de-

"It seems almost superfluous to declare that the judgment of the court deprives the convict of his right to vote, to sit as a juror, to bear arms, to marry and to hold office, as the conditions under which he is confined make all these things radically im-possible. Within the walls of the pris-on the privileges and duties of the free

tizen are unknown.
"Would it not seem equally prepos rerous for a man under a life sentence to hold real estate or to be interested in stock transactions? Upon this subject learned jurists have disagreed and they have expounded their reasons lucidly and cognently.

his property and no obligations to per-form; while he cannot use his property for his comfort, aggrandizement or enjoyment; while he cannot protect it by action to recover it by any proceedings, if taken away from him, why should he be permitted to retain the title thereto—and why should it not, under any wise system of laws, be devolved upon his successors or his heirs and next of kin?"

"This seems logical in view of the fact that the Revised Statutes specifically declare that a person sentenced to imprisonment for life 'shall there-after be deemed civilly dead,' and this provision was re-enacted in the penal code. The other judges sitting on the court of appeals bench took a different view, however, and Judge Andrews, in the controlling opinion said: "'When it is considered that no case

view, however, and Judge Andrews, in the controlling opinion said:

"When it is considered that no case in this state can be found where the will of a person imprisoned on a life sentence has been admitted to probate during his natural life, or where administration has been granted on his estate, or dower assigned as if he were dead, nor any case where the title to property has been traced through a cviil, as distinct from a natural, death,

with the Clinton prison at Dannemora, N. Y.

Physicians at Sing Sing certified to his insanity, and those in charge of the institution at Dannemora agree that he is hopelessly insane, despite his apparent rational spells and his excellent financial judgment. He seems very shrewd, but he is declared to be a victim of paranoi, and to be mentally unsound upon various propositions.

Has Many Privileges.

* the checks cashed and had money * to buy many luxuries and rein-vested some of the money in New * York Central stock, paying 103. * Two been a stockholder in the New * York Central for sixteen or sev-venteen years. Then they found * out I was civiliy dead and rein-vested some of the money in New * York Central stock, paying 103. * Two been a stockholder in the New * out I was civiliy dead and rein-vested some of the money in New * York Central stock, paying 103. * Two been a stockholder in the New * out I was civiliy dead and rein-vested some of the money in New * York Central stock, paying 103. * Two been a stockholder in the New * out I was civiliy dead and rein-vested some of the money in New * York Central stock, paying 103. * Two been a stockholder in the New * out I was civiliy dead and rein-vested some of the money in New * York Central stock, paying 103. * Two been a stockholder in the New * out I was civiliy dead and rein-vested some of the money in New * York Central stock, paying 103. * Two been a stockholder in the New * out I was civiliy dead and refused * to send any more checks to me. * The Pennsylvania paid me the * dividends on their stock until I * was transferred from Sing Sing * to the out I was size of the new * out I was civiliy dead and refused * to send any more checks to me. * to send any more che to the asylum. As soon as they
saw I was in an asylum it was
all up. They stopped too.

I think this civilly dead law is
unconstitutional. Other states do

not have it.
 My mother made a will which I
 am trying to break on the grounds
 of insanity and undue influence.

I would give anything, almost
 to get to New York and see my
 lawyers. It is a shameful thing
 that you can't get a writ of ha beas corpus except in a criminal

that the doctrine that civil death con-sequent upon a life sentence divests the criminal of his state has no foun-

As To Stephani.

"All of this leads to curious conclusions relating to a dead-alive convist. Stephani was convicted of the crime of murder, and the verdict of the jury gave him his life only that he might go from the court room to a civil death. He had been brought up in good circumstances, but he was nervous and excitable. The only plea that could be made for him in court was insanity. His loving mother clums to him and to my personal knowledge spent a considerable sum of money on his trial. When he reached the prison I understand that he seemed perfectly sane, and he wrote to his mother from "All of this leads to curious con-

on.
"Does it not sound strange to say Peculiar features of Stephani's position are explained by Abraham H. Hummel, legal partner of the late Mr. Howe. As one of the counsel for Stephani, Mr. Hummel has had occasion to study the laws governing a man who is civilly dead and as found many peculiarities. Civil death relieves a man absolutely of certain duties and obligations, but not of others. He is responsible for all moneys due under contracts, but he cannot contract new contracts, but he cannot contract new contracts, but he cannot contract new contracts. gations, but not of others, sponsible for all moneys due under contracts, but he cannot contract new contracts. He may be sued and he may defend a suit, but he may not sue.

Stephani differs from any other life convict through his wealth and through the resulting complications, His own story has a peculiar interest.

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"If a life convict has business to transact, he must, consequently, rely implicitly upon the person to whom he confides it, as in the event of dishonest dealings he would have no redress. Upon his conviction even his wife and children owe him no fealty or obed-

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in a similar degree with the case of convicts sent to a state prison for a definite term of years, during which time their civil rights are suspended although they are not divested of their property. I believe that there have been many instances in this state where convicts were really wealthy, and came into the enjoyment of con-siderable fortunes upon their release. eiderable fortunes upon their release.

"By the ancient common law when sentence was pronounced for a capital offense it involved forfeiture, corruption of blood and an extinction of civil rights. Forfeiture was of Saxon origin; the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of the attainted felon were forfeited to his king. The doctrine of corruption of blood, of feudal origin, was instituted in England after the Judge Earl's View.

Judge Earl, of the court of appeals, put the question as he construed it, in this forceful manner:

"While the convict has no use for his property and no obligations to person."

Murder to Kill Him.

"These things are different today, but the problem of rights and wrongs but the problem of rights and wrongs has merely become more complicated. Surely, Stephani's position has been extraordinary and his civil death leaves him curiously alive. If, for instance, anyone deliberately, and without justification, killed him, the crime would be as much a murder as though Stephanistill lived civilly and walked abroad without ever having been a life sentenced convict through a jury's verdict. "Section 10 of the domestic relations law of this state provides that 'Marriage, so far as its validity in law is concerned, continues to be a civil con-

concerned, continues to be a civil con-tract.' Section 708 of the penal code provides: 'A person sentenced to in-

Alphonse J. Stephani is without a doubt the wealthest "dead" man in New York state, and he probably enjoys the same distinction so far as the entire world is concerned.

Under the law of this state he is civiliy dead, but actually he is very much alive. He has plenty of money, but he is not in a position to spend it. He may long for any luxury without being able to obtain it, while his funds continue to accumulate.

When the average man dies in the eyes of the law his property immediately goes to others—either according to the terms of his will or by a distribution among his next of kin.

With Stephani it is different, for, while he has become civiliy dead, he continues to hold his property, and his heirs may not have a chance to enjoy it for many years.

He was convicted of murder in the econd degree for killing Clinton G. Reynolds, a prominent autorney, in New York, in May, 1890. He was sentenced to life imprisoment and sent to Sing Sing. He has since been transferred to the insane asylum connected with the Clinton prison at Dannemora, N. Y.



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J. S. CRITCHLOW, City Recorder.
Sidewalk Extension No. 57.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE ity council of Salt Lake City of the inention of such council to make the following described improvement, to-wit:

Constructing a cement sidewalk, four set wild.

to.

By order of the city council of Salt
Lake City, Utah.
Dated Nov. 16, 1903.

J. S. CRITCHLOW, City Recorder.
Sidewalk Extension No. 56.

Notice,

Notice is hereby given by the intention of such council to make the following described improvements, to-wit:

Extending and laying sewer lateral on Second street between A and B streets and on B street from Second street to a point midway between Fifth and Sixth streets, in sewer district No. 1, and defray the cost and expense thereof, estimated at two thousand and twenty-six and 59-100 (\$2.025.50) dollars or 70-100, (\$7.09 dollars per front or linear foot by a local assessment for a depth of twenty-five (25) feet upon the lots or pieces of ground within the following described district, being the district to be affected or benefited by said improvement, namely: The east 140 feet of lot 3, and the west 140 feet of lot 4, block 16, the west 140 feet of lot 2, block 41, plat "D"; all of lots 2 and 3, block 42, all of lots 1 and 4, block 44, all of lots 2 and 3, block 45, all of lots 2 and 3 block 45, all of lots 2 and 3 block 45, all of lots 2 and 3 block 54, all of lots 2 and 3 block 55, all of lots 1 and 4 block 69, all of lot 1, block 72, and all of lot 2, block 73, plat "D," Sait Lake City Survey.

All profests and objections to the carrying out of such intention must be presented in writing to the city recorder or or before the ist day of February, 1904, being the time set by said council when it will hear and consider such protests and objections as may be made thereto.

By order of the city council of Sait Lake City, Utah.

Dated Nov. 16, 1903.

J. S. CRITCHLOW, City Recorder, Sewer extension No. 125.

Notice.

Notice is Hereby Given by the city council of Salt Lake City of the intention of such council to make the following the council to make affected or benefited by said improve-ment, namely. All of lots I and 2, block 22, plat "G." Sait Lake City Survey. All protests and objections to the car-rying out of such intention must be pre-sented in writing to the city recorder on or before the 1st day of February, 1904, being the time set by said council when it will hear and consider such protests and objections as may be made there-to.

By order of the city council of Salt Lake City, Utah. Dated Nov. 16, 1963. J. S. CRITCHLOW, City Recorder. Sidewalk Extension No. 55.

Notice.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the assessment of the tax levied by the city council of Salt Lake City, Utah, by ordinance passed Dec. 14, 1903, upon the property abutting upon all of lots 4 and 5, block 49, plat "B," Salt Lake City survey, for the purpose of constructing a cement sidewalk six feet wide on the east side of Third East street between Second South and Third South streets, in sidewalk district No. 22, is completed.

Also that the assessment of the tax levied by the city council of Salt Lake City, Utah, by ordinance passed Dec. 14, 1902, upon the property abutting upon all of lots 1 and 8, block 94, plat "A," and all of lots 1 and 8, block 94, plat "A," and all of lot 1. block 5, plat "E." Salt Lake City survey, for the purpose of constructing a cement sidewalk six feet wide on the west side of East Temple street from North Temple street to First North street, and or the west side of Center street, in sidewalk districts Nos. 12, 29 and 27, is completed.

Also that the assessment of the tax levied by the city council of Salt Lake City, Utah, by ordinance passed Dec. 29, 1993, upon the property abutting upon all of lots 4 and 5, block 95, plat "A," and all of lots 1 and 2, block 103, plat "A," Salt Lake City survey, for the purpose of constructing a cement sidewalk six feet wide on the east side of First West street between South Temple and First North streets; on the north side of North Temple street between South Temple and First North streets; and on the north side of First North streets; and on the north side of First North street between First and Second West streets: and on the north side of First North street between First and Second West streets; in sidewalk district No. 29, is completed.

That the board of equalization and review appointed by the city council for that purpose, will meet at the office of the city recorder, room 100 city and county building, on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1904, and cominue in session until Saturday, Jan. 2, 1904, between the hours of 4:39 and 5:39 p. m., and will he

or unjust.

That during said time, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. said lists will be open to public inspection at the office of the city recorder, room 100 city and county building. Sait Lake City. Utah.

By order of the city council, dated Dec. 14, 1903, and Dec. 30, 1903.

J. S. CRITCHLOW.

City Recorder.

Sidewalk Extension No. 52.

Sidewalk Extension No. 54.

Stockholders' Meeting. Stockholders' Meeting.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Mammoth Mining company will be held at the office of the company, rooms 41-45 Hooper building, in Szit Lake City, Utah, on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m.

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